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PASS EB/IFD FROM MEISSNER

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EFIN, UNCTAD  
SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR UNCTAD DEBT MINISTERIAL

1. PLEASE HAVE BRIAN CROWE BRING THE MINUTES FROM THE  
LAST ZAIRE PARIS CLUB MEETING TO GENEVA. M. PEBEREAU  
WILL BE MEMBER OF THE FRENCH DELEGATION AND ZAIRE MINISTER  
OF FINANCE IS EXPECTED TO REPRESENT HIS COUNTRY. INFORMAL  
CONSULTATIONS MAY WELL TAKE PLACE. CROWE SHOULD USE  
JUDGMENT ABOUT WHAT OTHER MATERIALS MIGHT BE USEFUL.

2. FRENCH DISCUSSIONS AT FINANCE AND FOREIGN MINISTRIES  
WENT WELL. FRENCH POSITION IS TO TABLE US/EC PAPER BUT  
RESIST EFFORTS TO MODIFY PAPER. THEY WOULD CONSENT UNDER  
DURESS TO SPECAIL STUDY GROUP TO LOOK AT COMMON FEATURES  
IF THERE IS GENERAL AGREEMENT BY MINISTERS ON THE CASE  
BY CASE APPROACH AND RECOGNITION OF THE TWO GENERAL  
CATEGORIES OF CRISIS AND STRUCTURAL CASES. FRENCH  
WERE RETICENT ABOUT IDEA OF REFERRING ISSUE TO DEVELOPMENT  
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COMMITTEE OR PERMANENT UNCTAD COMMITTEE. THEY FELT THIS  
MAY INSTITUTIONALIZE THE ISSUE. A SPECIAL DEBT EXPERTS  
GROUP, MEETING ONCE OR TWICE BEFORE UNCTAD V, WOULD CON-  
TAIN THE ISSUE AND HAVE IT DIE INSTITUTIONALLY AFTER THESE  
SPECIAL MEETINGS.

3. FRENCH ARE OPPOSED TO ANY RESOLUTUION OR DECLARATION

ON RETROACTIVE TERMS OF AID ADJUSTMENT. THEY WERE CONCERNED OVER PRESS REPORTS OF COOPER TESTIMONY BEFORE SFRC THAT U.S. HAD CHANGED POSITIONS. MEISSNER EXPLAINED THAT U.S. POSITION WAS THAT IF CONGRESS PASSED SUCH STATUTORY AUTHORITY THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD SUPPORT IT BUT AUTHORITY WOULD BE USED ONLY ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS AND ONLY AS AN AID MEASURE, NOT A DEBT RELIEF MEASURES. MEISSNER STATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO MENTION IN COOPER'S SPEECH OF A U.S. INITIATIVE ON RETROACTIVE ADJUSTMENT OF AID TERMS.

4. BOTH FINANCE MINISTRY AND FOREIGN MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVES STRESSED THE CLOSENESS OF THE TWO MINISTRIES ON THE DEBT ISSUE. FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN GENEVA WILL HEAD THE DELEGATION. PEBEREAU WILL BE SENIOR FINANCE OFFICIAL PRESENT.  
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